

Remarks

The above amendment should be entered because it cancels claims with outstanding rejections, leaving only allowed claims.

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-14 are pending in the application, with 1 and 8 being the independent claims. Claims 15-18 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,329,234 to Ma et al. ("Ma"). Based on the cancellation of these claims above, and the Examiner's indication that claims 1-14 are allowed, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

Conclusion

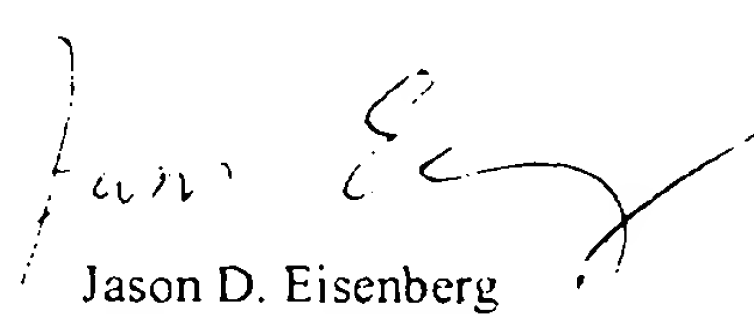
All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner

believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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